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Master Sgt. Leonard Glovka,
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414th Combat Training Squadron Aggressors fly over the Nevada Test and Training Range. Their aircraft and tactics simulate enemy aircraft, helping make Nellis and its Range the most realistic training environment in the world. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Carla Pampe)

TAP your way to success

By Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi
AWFC Public Affairs

Once a military member has completed 20 years, they look forward to retiring from active duty. A few go all the way to 30 years. But everybody eventually has to separate. Unfortunately for the Air Force, some people get out after an enlistment or two looking for that dream job or to just move back home.

The Nellis Family Support Center offers a Transition Assistance Program geared toward those who are separating or retiring. The program is designed to assist people in the transition back to civilian life.

"We are here to make your transition to a new life as painless as possible," said Mr.

Wendell Powell, transition assistance instructor. "When I retired from the Air Force in 1998, I lasted about one week 'retired' before I had to get out of the house and do something. It's not really retirement, you're starting a whole new life."

Learning how to explain your military job to a potential employer is tough sometimes. For example, ammo troops could have a hard time explaining how securing weapons to an aircraft is a valuable skill in an office environment.

"Ammo folks have organizational skills and a valuable attention to detail," said Mr. Mike Dalton, transition assistance instructor. "Along with your military discipline, work ethic and maturity, these skills can be put in a resume to make you

more appealing to employers."

Some of the topics covered in the TAP class are:

- u Veterans benefits - if you have served more than two years honorably, you are a veteran and entitled to a whole host of benefits.

- u Comparing base pay and Air Force benefits to what's offered in the civilian work force - equivalent military benefits are rare in the "real world." Be prepared for disappointment when looking for employers that offer medical, dental, vacation and retirement packages as good as what you are used to.

- u Dress and appearance - former-Air Force people need to dress for the job interview, coat and tie for men and suit with skirt or pants for women.

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Air Force sends message to drug abusers

By Tech. Sgt. R.R. Becerril
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Likened to a constantly moving target, illegal drugs go from base to base, area to area. But the Air Force has a message for those using or inclined to abuse drugs: "You can run, but you can't hide."

"Our ultimate goal is not to get just the user, but the individual who is supplying the drugs," said Mr. Stephen Minger, supervisory special agent for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

"I think commanders are becoming increasingly sensitive to the fact that drug abuse is a moving target," said Lt. Col. Pete Durand, the Air Force's drug reduction program manager. "What's true today in terms of the substances of abuse, may not be true tomorrow."

"In the '80s, everyone was talking about crack, during the late 70s, early '80s, it was cocaine; today it is ecstasy, tomorrow - who knows," Mr. Minger noted. "Rest assured, there is something out there that will take the place of ecstasy. Our responsibility is to identify what those drugs are, and make the Air Force aware this is beginning to emerge."

Recent drug abuse cases at the Air Force Academy, Colo., and Langley AFB, Va., illustrate the use of ecstasy in the Air Force. However, Mr. Minger points out the overall number of drug abuse investigations still equate to less than 1 percent of the total Air Force.

According to the special agent, the number of AFOSI's drug abuse investigations totaled 1,100 in 2000, an increase from the previous year's total of 710.

"About 90 percent of these cases were Air Force-affiliated, said Mr. Minger, whose investigative agency is the only one in the Air Force with the authority

to pursue civilian drug suppliers.

A 30-year AFOSI veteran, Mr. Minger said even though the number of ecstasy-related investigations rose to 423 in 2000, compared to only 66 in 1999. The No. 1 drug among abusers remains cannabis, or marijuana.

A similar increase can be seen in the service's drug urinalysis testing program. The increase in positives for

that are on the market, and their effects," Mr. Minger said.

"We have access to a lot of information, both overtly and covertly, in our contacts with people who are using drugs, and through our informants and undercover agents. We feed that information to the drug urinalysis program managers and educate commanders about the drug situation.

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Mr. Stephen Minger
supervisory special agent, AFOSI

ecstasy is nearly tenfold over the past three years, Lt. Col. Durand said.

But the number is still very small, according to Lt. Col. Durand. "Of the 1,000 drug urinalysis test positives we had in 2000, ecstasy was identified in 61 tests," he said.

Mr. Minger and Lt. Col. Durand attribute the rise in both drug abuse investigations and positive drug urinalysis tests in some degree to the increased emphasis placed on detection, prevention and education.

"It's hard to say at this point whether the increase is due to better detection or that there are more drug abusers," Mr. Minger said.

According to Mr. Minger, a three-pronged strategy forms the foundation in the AFOSI's battle against drug abuse.

"The first element is supply interdiction. That is done through very aggressive law enforcement efforts, running informants and undercover operations, to try to eliminate the availability of drugs that GIs consume," he said.

The second and third elements comprise supply reduction and information cross-feed. "We accomplish this through educational efforts, making people aware of the drugs

He and Lt. Col. Durand agree as long as there are drugs in the civilian community, "and we're drawing recruits from the civilian community, we're going to have to deal with the issue of drugs in the military," Mr. Minger said. "We need to deal with it cogently and effectively. Whether it means running an investigation on an airman using drugs and his dealer, or identifying an individual through urinalysis testing or alternate detection methods."

In addition to investigations and drug urinalysis testing, other methods include testing new recruits for drug use and developing better urinalysis test agents to close the detection window on drugs such as ecstasy, which quickly pass through the body.

Lt. Col. Durand said emphasis is also being placed on expanding drug testing, to include off-duty and weekend testing.

"Commanders have always had that option to test after duty hours and on the weekends," he noted. "We have worked hard to remind commanders out in the field that they have the authority and the responsibility to constantly monitor the drug threat and to modify drug testing pro-

cedures based on changes in the drug threat environment."

Under normal circumstances, the unit (trusted agent) would not contact individuals for testing while on leave, according to Lt. Col. Durand. Those on leave would be notified on return to duty and would have the standard two hours to report for urinalysis testing.

However, if the trusted agent was unaware of their leave status and was able to contact them for testing, they would be required to report within two hours, regardless of their leave status, he said. He added if the individual cannot be contacted, he or she would be notified on return to duty and would have the same two-hour window to report for testing.

"I think our drug testing program is one of the major success stories," Lt. Col. Durand said. "When you look at where we were in the 1980s to where we are today, there is absolutely no comparison. The testing rate is targeted at 75 percent, but last year, we actually achieved an 80 percent drug test rate, so clearly, many of our commanders are exercising their option to increase testing."

"Commanders today have much greater certainty that the people they are getting to perform critical missions are fit and ready," he added. "And, in spite of the increased difficulty in recent years to meet recruiting goals, our senior leadership has held fast and firm to our high standards and have not relaxed them."

"The reality is that as long as drugs exist in America, we'll have to stay vigilant in combating their presence in the military," Mr. Minger said. "The Air Force's responsibility is to try to identify where drug abuse is occurring, and eliminate it and take action where necessary, in terms of military justice, education, prevention and deterrence."

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Tap

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u Where to look for a job – there are job banks and organizations dedicated to finding veterans jobs.

u Resume writing – how to turn “MilSpeak” into civilian terms.

u Do's and don'ts at a civilian job – being a workaholic may have gotten you promoted in the Air Force, but as a civilian, it could get you fired!

u Job preferences for veterans – many companies and most government jobs offer a preference for hiring ex-military. Learn how to use this to secure a great new career.

“When I retired a few years ago, TAP was very helpful,” said Ms. Vernessa Franklin, Office of Disability Employment Policy, in Washington. “I love this class.”

Ms. Franklin, a retired Air Force master sergeant, used her veteran preference to get a job with the Veterans Affairs Office in the nation's capital. As a liaison to the Department of Labor, she is responsible for assisting the president and Congress in making decisions about veterans affairs. She is currently traveling around the country observing VA offices and gathering information.

“My veteran preference helped me get this great job,” she said.

Guest speakers are common at TAP classes and the speakers can range from a civilian human resource manager to veterans who have succeeded in the civilian world.

One such speaker is retired Marine Sergeant Vince Rios. He is a disabled Vietnam veteran and triple amputee. After he stepped on a land mine in 1966, he was told he would never walk again. Proving the doctors wrong, he invented a crutch and brace that helped him walk 10 months after his accident.

For service to his country, he is the recipient of three Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars with “V” devices for heroic achievement. In the civilian world, he has excelled beyond anyone's hopes. Overcoming all his obstacles he became the assistant regional administrator on the West Coast for the Department of Labor. When it comes to veterans affairs here in Las Vegas, he is everyone's boss.

“This class is where the rubber meets the road,” said Mr. Rios. “Everyone attending TAP will learn something valuable and be better off for going.”

People who are within six months of separating or retiring are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the Family Support Center at 652-3327.

DoD budget increases must wait, but pay raise safe

WASHINGTON — Major changes to the Bush Administration's DoD budget must wait on the completion of a force structure review, presidential spokesman Mr. Ari Fleischer said Jan. 31.

The fiscal 2002 defense request will be a lean budget, Mr. Fleischer said. Still, the pay raise for service members that President Bush promised when he was campaigning for the office seems safe.

The 2002 budget submission will reflect the President's campaign promises to increase pay for the military and to improve housing, Mr. Fleischer said.

But, beyond that, the President thinks the wise approach to take is for the Pentagon to figure out long-term what its strategic needs are before we simply start to throw money in the direction of defense, he added.

Editor's note: Information prepared by the American Forces Press Service.



At right, Mr. Mike Dalton, transition assistance instructor, discusses new career opportunities with a transition assistance class. Seated in the foreground is retiring 57th Command Chief Master Sgt. Ike Moore. To his left sits Staff Sgt. Joe Cornellier, 99th Security Forces Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Dan Camp, 57th Component Repair Squadron. Both staff sergeants are separating to take jobs in the civilian sector. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi)

57th Wing announces annual award winners

Congratulation to the 57th Wing personnel for winning the following Air Combat Command awards:

Capt. William Cahill, 547th Intelligence Squadron- Outstanding Active Duty Intelligence Officer of the Year

Staff Sgt. Mark Drisko, USAF Weapons School - Outstanding Active Duty Intelligence NCO of the Year

Senior Airman Tyler Smith, 11 Reconnaissance Squadron - Outstanding Active Duty Intelligence Airman of the Year

Mr. Darrin Haslem, 547th IS - Outstanding Intelligence Civilian of the Year

Maj. Shelly Hills, USAFWS - Outstanding Air Reserve Field Grade Officer of the Year



An African-American history lesson – make that an American history lesson

There is much more African-American history than was taught to us as children. Of course, some of us didn't learn any as children.

Just about all of us learned that the first Blacks were shipped to America as slaves in 1619. Most were taken from the West African countries of Dahomey, Ghana and Nigeria. Blacks remained in slavery until the end of the Civil War in 1865 and the ratification of the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery.

African-American leaders

We were taught about African-Americans such as Frederick Douglass. Born a slave, he escaped and became a leader of African-Americans. He used his powerful voice as a lecturer and newspaper editor to help free the slaves.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is just one of the many notable African-American figures who played a significant role in American history. (file photo)

Douglass ultimately became President Abraham Lincoln's adviser and the consul general to Haiti.

We can recall lessons about how Harriet Tubman escaped from sla-

very, and by way of her Underground Railroad led other slaves north to freedom. Like the biblical Moses, she led her people out of bondage, often using the North Star to guide her.

W.E.B. Dubois, a civil rights leader, editor and scholar, founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1909. Today the organization remains a powerful guard against racism.

Modern times gave us Thurgood Marshall, the first Black U.S. Supreme Court justice, who used his brilliant legal mind to strike down laws that prevented African-Americans from receiving equal treatment.

Civil rights leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King gave their lives to pave a way to equal treatment for all during a pivotal time in American history.

African-American inventors

Probably we all can recall the ingenious accomplishments of George Washington Carver. He was the famous scientist and agricultural researcher who developed hundreds of products from the peanut and sweet potato, many of which we still use.

Booker T. Washington is always remembered as the champion of education who founded Tuskegee Institute for African-Americans, and who became the first president of the Alabama college.

We all learned about Alexander Graham Bell, but not Lewis Latimer. Born in Boston to an escaped slave, Latimer served in the Union Navy and later became an inventor.

Hired as an office boy for a Boston patent law firm, he became its chief patent draftsman and executed the patent drawings for many of Bell's telephones. Latimer

also patented a more cost-efficient method for producing carbon filaments for light bulbs.

Most Americans are probably unaware that Thomas L. Jennings was the first African-American known to have patented an invention — a dry-cleaning process in 1821.

The textbooks taught about Benjamin Franklin, but not about Benjamin Banneker, an African-American mathematician, astronomer and inventor. Appointed to the District of Columbia Commission by President George Washington, he worked with Pierre L'Enfant to plan the new capital of Washington, D.C. After L'Enfant was dismissed from the project and took his detailed maps with him, Banneker reproduced the plans from memory.

Inventor Garrett Morgan rescued workmen trapped by a tunnel explosion under Lake Erie. He entered the gas-filled tunnel wearing a safety hood he had patented two years earlier. That hood was a forerunner of the modern gas mask. He also patented the automatic traffic signal in 1923 and sold it to the General Electric Co. for \$40,000.

African-American entertainers

Of course many barriers were broken in the entertainment industry. African-Americans gave us jazz and blues.

The legendary Jackie Robinson may not have been the best African-American baseball player of his time, but he had the strength of character to build the bridge to professional sports.

These are all great people in history, but there are so many more not mentioned.

African-American entrepreneurs

Madame C.J. Walker was the first female African-American millionaire. She was a successful businesswoman who manufactured hair products and cosmetics for women of color. Her products, still in use today, reached across the global economy.

History books did not teach of Charles Spaulding, president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. His company offered life and health insurance coverage for

African-Americans when other companies refused to insure them. It's still the world's largest Black-owned business.

African-American educators

Langston Hughes was a poet who captured the dreams and frustrations of his people in poems, short stories and comic essays. He used his pen to celebrate the mannerisms, speech, dances and thoughts of the African-American people.

Dr. Charles Drew developed a process for preserving blood as plasma and started the first blood bank. He taught at the Howard University Medical School in Washington and made major contributions to surgical medicine.

African-Americans in uniform

It is a fact that the Union would not have won the Civil War without African-American soldiers. In 1863, white Union forces were depleted, and President Lincoln had no choice except to allow more blacks to enlist. He admitted that without them, abandonment of the war was likely in three weeks. African-Americans did not receive the same pay or equipment as their white counterparts, but they put resentment aside and fought bravely.

African-Americans fought for the United States in the Spanish-American War and World War I. Segregationists tried to bar all non-whites from military service, but Black leaders urged their followers to join nevertheless. This was perhaps the best way for African-Americans to prove their right to equal citizenship.

During World War II, Black soldiers fought for the first time in combat units in the Navy, Marines and Army Air Corps. A special flying school was set up at Tuskegee Institute. The 99th Fighter Squadron, consisting of pilots trained at Tuskegee, performed so well in European combat that they helped bring about the eventual integration of the Air Corps. In 1948, President Harry S. Truman ordered the racial integration of all the armed forces.

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Identity theft – It could happen to you!

By Ms. Martine Ramos
AWFC Public Affairs

It's been featured on "Oprah," "Maury" and "Judge Judy." While at the University of Oklahoma I encountered someone that had personally experienced it. "It" being identity theft.

After listening to the sensationalized versions on the talk shows, I wondered how something like this could happen to an ordinary person. It's not as unusual as it seems. In fact, it's not very unusual at all. According to government estimates, more than 500,000 people will fall victim to identity theft this year.

What called my attention to this phenomenon was simple. Having a rather unusual first name afforded me the opportunity to go around high school and college signing only my first name.

Well, nothing as dramatic as identity theft happened to me, but it was enough that I got confused a few times with names close in spelling to mine, to make me take

my name and identity a bit more seriously.

In more serious circumstances your money can be stolen, credit ruined and crimes can be committed in your name. Needless to say, these actions can be life-altering, and possibly life-ruining, if one is unable to recover from them.

The following quiz taken from the February issue of *AIRMAN Magazine* shows how easy identity theft is in the military (and out of it). Other stories in *AIRMAN* tell how devastating it can be to your life and ways to determine if you are at risk of it happening to you.

Are you at risk?

Take this quiz to see how vulnerable you are to identity theft. Each statement represents an avenue for an identity theft. If you agree with any of them, add the points to your score.

â You always carry your military identification card in your wallet (10 points).

â Every week you receive

several pre-approved credit offers (5 points; add 5 more if you don't shred them before tossing them).

â You carry your social security card in your wallet (10 points).

â You don't have a post office box or a locked, secured mailbox (5 points).

â You drop off your outgoing mail at an open, unlocked box (10 points).

â You don't shred or tear banking and credit information when you trash it (10 points).

â You provide your social security number whenever asked (10 points; add 5 more if you give it orally without checking to see who might be listening).

â You're required to use your social security number as an employee number (5 points).

â Your social security number is printed on an employee badge you wear (10 points).

â Your social security number or driver's license number is printed on your checks (20 points).

â You're listed in a *Who's Who* guide (5 points).

â You carry your insurance card in your wallet and it has your or your spouse's social security number (20 points).

â You haven't ordered a copy of your credit report for a least two years (10 points).

â You don't believe people would root around in your trash looking for credit or financial information (10 points).

How vulnerable are you?

100-150: You're at a high risk. Get a paper shredder, become more security conscious and question why people need your personal data.

50-100: Your odds of being an identity theft victim are average, but higher if you have good credit.

0-50: You have a high security IQ. Don't let your guard down.

Editor's note: Information provided by Privacy Rights Clearinghouse/Utility Consumers Action Network.

*** No Action Line is available this week. If you would like to submit an Action Line, please call 652-4636 ***



Consider your spouse

**By an active-duty spouse
Nellis Air Force Base**

When enlisting in the Air Force, one never really sits down to think about who her spouse may be – civilian or another active duty member?

Either way, spouses of military members endure hardship; in most cases I think its safe to say emotional hardship. Some may endure a bit of financial heartache, but budgeting and planning can cure most money woes.

How does one cure the emotional heartache and stress which goes hand-in-hand with a spouse being deployed or serving on a remote tour? Nothing may help with the stress and the sudden problems that develop when a spouse leaves to serve his country.

The military may take many things into account, but I don't think it has defined or analyzed the stress placed on couples when one serves a remote. If an analysis were done, I think it would prove that the divorce rate is higher among those members serving in a remote location for a year or longer.

So, the marriage may not have been that strong to begin with or maybe there were problems early in the relationship; maybe even a divorce would have happened regardless. But those couples will never know because it's a little difficult to devote the time and energy to a marriage when half way across the world.

I know about these couples and problems because my husband was sent to Korea last year, but we were fortunate enough to see each other five times during his remote.

While visiting him in Korea, I spoke to several airmen and sergeants who were having marital problems. Most were convinced that if they were home with their families the problems were minor enough to be worked out.

Unfortunately, when you are thousands of miles apart, the smallest problem seems major. I know because even with the strong, healthy relationship my husband and I share, we still had those difficult moments.

I was fortunate enough to visit my husband throughout his tour and truly believe with our relationship we would have managed the long year without the visits.

My purpose is to let people know it takes a lot of dedication to have a successful marriage and in the military even more devotion.

It may be a little late for those whose spouses are currently serving on remotes to start a dedicated savings plan, but those who have not yet may want to consider starting a savings account especially for the purpose of funding family visits to remote locations where the military authorizes civilian/family visits.

It may be a little difficult for some to start a savings plan to fund family visits, but it can pay off in the long run.

When we sign on the line to serve our country we always think we know of every possible scenario, but I don't think much thought is given to how life is away from family for an extended period of time.

My husband and I knew of the possibilities and did whatever it took to be together. I hope this article opens at least one couple's eyes to that same possibility, and they are able to act accordingly.

Civilian or active-duty member? It doesn't matter; the stress brought on by distance is the same. But the best cure is preparation through financial planning and emotional stability.

For the financial planning and solid advice on a range of issues, contact the Family Support Center at 652-3327. For emotional stability, spend time with family members and discuss the possibility of being away for an extended period of time. Plan ahead!



Crime stopper - Smile...you're on candid camera!

By Tech. Sgt. Dennis Q. Morris
99th Security Forces Squadron

A man takes a belt off a rack, removes the tag and places the belt through the belt loops of his pants.

A teen-ager takes four Playstation games off a rack and takes them to the outdoor area of the Base Exchange. He then slides the games under the fence to retrieve later.

A man takes a bottle of cologne and puts the bottle in his pants around his belt line.

Three young boys select numerous compact discs and digital video display discs, find what they thought was a secluded area in the store, and proceed to stuff the merchandise down their pants.

Acting nonchalant, each walks past the cashier and out the door without paying!

These are just some of the 22 shoplifting suspects who were apprehended at the Main Exchange and Shoppette in the past two months. Shoplifting is one of the most common non-

violent crimes facing America today. So prevalent is this problem that most stores and shops automatically increase prices to cover these losses. No retail outlet is immune to shoplifting, not even the Base Exchange at Nellis. Whether the item taken is of little value, or greater worth, it is still shoplifting and is still a crime.

So, what happens to someone who is caught shoplifting?

Suspects are stopped at the last place they had a chance to pay for the items and then the security forces are called. The suspect is then searched, handcuffed and transported to the Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk for processing. Military shoplifters are turned over to their commander or first sergeant; family members and retirees are referred to the magistrate's court for action. The penalties can be severe for military shoplifters, to include Articles 15 and fines. Additionally, privileges are suspended for one year from all Army Air Force Exchange Ser-

vice facilities and commissaries. In some cases, security clearances and Air Force specialty codes can be impacted. Authorized customers can also lose their privileges if their guest was caught shoplifting. If you repay AAFES the cost of the item and a \$250 fee, they will not pursue civilian prosecution!



Shoplifting is not confined to a specific gender, race, age, or social class. The typical shoplifters, however, are disproportionately children. It is important to remember no matter

how young children are, they must be taught that taking anything without paying for it is wrong. If a child does not realize this at an early age, it may set a pattern that could follow them into adulthood with disturbing consequences.

The staff at the base exchange has offered to work with parents and teachers to educate children about the extensive electronic surveillance system in the store. To arrange a visit, call Ms. Cheryl Oakes at 644-2044, extension 213.

Shoplifting is a strange kind of crime, in that it often is prompted not by need or potential profit, but by impulse or the thrill of getting away with something. Are the chances of getting caught and the punishment really worth it?



Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman Maria (Malou) Griggs



Unit: 53rd Test and Evaluation Group

Duty Title: Information manager

Hometown: Olongapo City, Philippines

Time in Air Force: 3 years and 6 months

Time at Nellis: 2 years and 2 months

Hobbies: I love to play golf, listen to music and watch movies

What's my favorite Air Force memory? Listening to Undersecretary of Defense Carol DiBattiste talk about issues that affect airmen and the Air Force's solutions for them.

If I could improve one thing on Nellis? To improve participation in and recognition of the Nellis Airmen's Council.



Photo by Senior Airman Kenny Kennemer



Retirements

99th Comptroller Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Gary Phillips retires March 2 at 3:30 p.m. in the Airman Leadership School auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony and the reception which will immediately follow in the ALS Conference Room. Come on out and wish him well. For more information, call 652-2593.

The Nellis community is invited to attend the retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Passno, 99th Transportation Squadron, on Feb. 23 at 12 p.m. in the Enlisted Club. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony. For more information, call 652-5748.

Banquets

The 57th Wing's 2000 Maintenance Professional of the Year Banquet will be held Feb. 24 at the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas Blvd. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6:45 p.m. Main course is breast of chicken Marsala. Guest speaker for this event is retired Marine Sergeant Major James R. McGuirk from Honolulu, Hawaii. Dress for this occasion is: Officer - Mess Dress; Enlisted - Mess Dress/Semi-formal; Civilian - Semi-formal. See maintenance chiefs for tickets. Prices are \$23 for E-6 and below; \$26 for E-7 and above/civilian.

The Air Warfare Center's Annual Awards Banquet is March 2 at 6 p.m. at the Nellis Officers' Club. Cost is \$20 for master sergeant and above, \$15 for technical sergeants and below. Dress is Mess Dress/Semi-formal for military and appropriate evening wear for civilians. For ticket information, contact first sergeants.

Change of command

The A-10 division of the Weapons School will host a change of command ceremony in hanger 283 March 2 at 1 p.m. For more information, call 652-2827.

Annual reunion

The Air Commando Association annual reunion will be in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Oct. 11-14. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the fathering of the modern era Air Force air commando and special operation forces by retired Brig. Gen. Benjamin King. For more information, call 1-850-581-0099, or fax a question to 1-850-581-8988. E-mail aircomando@aol.com or visit home.earthlink.net/~aircommando1/



African-American Cultural Association Dinner Dance



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Semi-Formal Attire
Civilian Clothes

**Saturday at the Enlisted Club
from 6:30 to 11 p.m.**

Tickets: \$15.00

New Area II gate hours

Starting Thursday the Area II gate's new hours will be 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. seven days a week. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Security Forces Operations Flight at 652-3326.

Attention housing residents

Yard inspections are conducted throughout the year. Housing monitors all areas weekly to ensure compliance with yard maintenance guidelines. If you are unsure of your responsibilities, please refer to your housing brochure. Additionally, all residents are reminded that during this time of the year, leaves and debris are beginning to blow with the wind. These conditions require you to pay special attention to curbs and gutters. Also, don't forget that even if Bermuda grass is brown, it needs a weekly drink of water to keep roots from dying. So, let's all pitch in and do our part to keep our neighborhoods looking good.

99th Services Squadron Presidents' Day hours:

Skills Development Center is closed Feb. 17.

These facilities are closed Feb. 19: Automotive Skills Center, Boys & Girls Club, Child Development Centers I and II, Community Center, Crosswinds Inn, Enlisted Club, Family Child Care, Gun Club, Library, Officers' Club, Outdoor Recreation/Equipment Rental, Skills Development Center, Tickets & Tours, Time Out Sports Bar & Grill, Touch 'n' Go Flight Kitchen, and Veterinary Office.

These facilities are open Feb. 19:

Bowling Center - noon to 8 p.m.

Golf Course - 8 a.m. to dusk, Pro Shop and Snack Bar 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mountain View Inn - 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. to midnight

Red Horse Inn - 7 to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. & 4 to 6 p.m.

Sports and Fitness Center - 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Corporate Challenge

The Las Vegas Corporate Challenge is an Olympic-style sporting competition that includes everything from archery to tug-o-war and volleyball. Corporate Challenge events run April 5 through May 12. Sign-up deadline is March 15. Men and women of all athletic abilities can represent Nellis Air Force Base in this citywide event. Waiver/registration forms are available at Outdoor Recreation, Community Center, Golf Course, Sports & Fitness Center, Bowling Center and the Gun Club. Volunteers and team captains are also needed. Active duty and retired military and DoD civilians are encouraged to participate. For more information, call Mr. Mike Clegg at 652-8967.



Coaches' meeting

There will a volleyball coaches meeting at Outdoor Recreation Tuesday at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Kevin Smith at 652-4891.

Marathon winner

Congratulations to Captain Chris Juarez of the 99th Contracting Squadron. He was the first Nevada resident to finish the Las Vegas Marathon while placing sixth overall. He ran the race in 2 hours 29 minutes. For being the top Nevada resident, Captain Juarez won a trip to Japan to race in the Lake Kawaguchi marathon.

Bowling tournament

Tournament is Saturday at the Nellis Bowling Center starting at 2 p.m. Individuals must bowl in a minimum of four monthly tournaments to be eligible for the final tournament in July. Entries will determine prize money. For more information, contact Mr. John Graham.

Basketball Standings

American League

99 SFS#1	11-1
99 SVS	9-3
57 EMS	9-3
820 RH	8-5
99 CES#2	7-4
99 COMM	7-5
USAFADS	5-7
15 RS	4-7
57 EAGLE	4-8
99 CONS	4-10
66 RQS	2-10

National League

99 CES#1	11-0
USAR	10-3
99 SUP	8-5
99 CPTS	8-5
99 MED GP	6-6
99 SFS#2	4-7
11 RS	3-10
57 CRS	1-11



Base Theater 652-5020

Today Miss Congeniality (PG-13)

Sandra Bullock,
Michael Caine

Saturday, Sunday, Monday What Women Want (PG-13)

Mel Gibson, Helen Hunt

Thursday Wes Craven Presents Dracula 2000 (R)

Christopher Plummer,
Johnny Lee Miller

**** The theater is
closed Tuesday and
Wednesday.****

Show times

Unless otherwise indicated,
all show times are 7 p.m. with
Saturday matinees at 1 p.m.
To subscribe to the e-mail
list, send your requests to
angel1m@lvcm.com.

Base Library 652-4484

Preschool storytime

Encourage children to read,
enjoy coming to the library
and have fun with crafts
Tuesday at 10 a.m. Space is
limited. Call or stop by to
register.

Chapel 652-2950

Weekly schedule: Catholic worship

Mass: Monday through Fri-
day, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: Reconciliation, 4
p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m.
and 12:30 p.m.

Protestant worship

Sunday: Gospel service, 8
a.m. Traditional service,
11:15 a.m.

Classes/Activities Religious education

**Catholic religious educa-
tion classes** for ages 3
through 12th grade are Sun-
days from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m.
and 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. For
more information, call 652-
5953.

RCIA, for any adult interested
in becoming a Catholic, is
Sundays at 1:45 p.m. in the
Chapel Annex. For more in-
formation, call 651-6587.

**Protestant religious educa-
tion classes** (18 months to
adult) are Sundays from 9:35
to 10:50 a.m. For more infor-
mation, call 652-7950.

Young Adult Ministry meets
Tuesdays 6 to 7:15 p.m. in the
Chapel Annex. For more in-
formation, call 644-6568.

Men of the Chapel meet the
first and third Tuesdays of
each month at 11:30 a.m. in
the Chapel basement.

**Protestant Youth of the
Chapel** meets Sundays at
1:30 p.m. in the Chapel base-
ment.

Widows in the Neighbor-

hood monthly activities in-
clude lunches, local tours
and attending performances.
For more information, call
459-1324 or 453-4858.

Bible study is Wednesdays
at 9:30 a.m. and noon in the
Chapel Annex. For more in-
formation, call 459-1324 or
453-4858.

**Christian Military Fellow-
ship** joins Officers' Chris-
tian Fellowship in providing
weekly Bible studies to all
ranks. To find one near you,
call 656-8707.

**The National Prayer Lun-
cheon** is Tuesday at 11:30
a.m. in the Enlisted Club.
Guest speaker is Chaplain,
Brig Gen., Lorraine K. Potter,
deputy chief of Chaplains.
Tickets are \$5 for all ranks
and can be purchased
through first sergeants or
the base chapel. For more in-
formation, call the chapel.

"Lord, I Want to Know You"
is a study of the names and
character of God. Classes are
Thursdays from 10 a.m. to
noon and 7 to 9 p.m. For more

information call 643-5981.

Gospel Extravaganza: Come
celebrate Gospel music in cel-
ebration of Black History
Month! The African Ameri-
can Cultural Association will
be hosting a Gospel Extrava-
ganza at the base chapel on
Feb. 25 at 3:30 p.m. Choirs
from Mountaintop Faith Min-
istries and Victory Missionary
Baptist Church will join the
Nellis Chapel Choir. For more
information, call 652-4648.

**Lenten Devotionals and
Luncheons:** Catholic and
Protestant devotions will be
offered each Wednesday dur-
ing Lent (Feb. 28 - Apr 4) at
11:30 a.m. The two parishes
will then join together at
noon for an ecumenical soup
and bread luncheon.

Community Center 652-5014

Instructors needed

Earn extra cash by teaching
classes in painting, sign lan-
guage, dance or any other

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fun skill. Call the Community Center at 652-5014 for more information.

Drama program

Ages 12 and up and adult performers, technicians and volunteers are needed for dinner theaters, plays and special event shows sponsored by the Community Center. Call 652-5014 for more information.

Book special events

Have a birthday party, awards ceremony or special dance occasion at the Community Center. The Community Center is equipped with a wooden dance floor and a large carpeted area with tables on the premises. Cost is \$50 for up to 6 hours. Call 652-5014 to reserve.

**Education
Center
652-5280**

Course 5 tests

Testing hours are changing for the Senior NCO Academy Correspondence Course (Course 5.) New times are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday - 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please contact Staff Sgt. Kat Padilla at 652-5275 if you have any questions.

**Enlisted Club
652-9307**

Pool tournament

Have you got what it takes to represent Nellis Air Force Base at the Air Combat Command 8-Ball Tournament at Seymour Johnson AFB April 25 through 27? All interested Enlisted Club members and squadron teams can get an application from the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club before Wednesday. Base tournament begins Feb. 26. Call Mr. Bill Brown at 652-9733 or Ms. Beth McDuffie at 652-5655 for more information. Sponsored in part by Allied Domecq Spirits USA (makers of Canadian Club and Beefeater brands), First USA Bank, and MilitaryMoves.com. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Free 8-ball clinic

Everyone is invited to a free 8-Ball clinic Wednesday at 7 p.m., as part of Air Combat Commands 8-Ball "Swim with the Sharks" Pool Tournament. For more information call the Enlisted Club at 652-9733.

**Golf Course
652-2602**

Golf tournament

Jackpot VI is now underway, play in six weekend mini-events and qualify for the quarterly added prize money event. Cost is \$5 per mini-event. Players must have a USGA handicap to compete.

Sale

Stop by the Pro Shop now through Monday for the Presidents' Day sale.

Free ladies' classes

Ongoing free class 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month for ladies. No experience or equipment necessary. Class begins at 10 a.m. at the Raptor Driving Range.

Challenge Cup

Active-duty military with a handicap of 3 or less are eligible to apply for this year's Royal Air Force/Air Combat Command Challenge Cup match to be played in England May 26 through June 9. Contact the Pro Shop for details. Allied Domecq Spirits, USA and MilitaryMoves.com, Inc. sponsor this event. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Sixteen players will be selected in Air Combat Command to compete against the Royal Air Force team. To register use AF Form 303. A link to the form is on the website wwwmil.acc.af.mil/sv/RAF_2001.htm. For more information, call 652-2602.

**Family Support
Center
652-3327**

Modify spending

During this class, the "Step Down" process for downsizing

spending will be introduced as a model for painlessly cutting back everyday spending. We will look at the cost of credit and demonstrate the "Power Pay" program to save money on interest while paying off credit cards and loans - one debt at a time. We will also look at some money secrets that can save you hundreds of dollars. Attend today from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**HAWC
653-3375**

5K fun run

The Commander's Wellness Cup competition will kick off with a 5K Run/Walk Friday at 7:30 a.m. at the Sports and Fitness Center. T-shirts will be given to those who place first, second and third in the age categories. To sign up or pre-register, contact the Sports and Fitness Center at 652-4891. All participants will be given 100 points towards the Commander's Wellness Cup. For more information, call the HAWC at 653-3375/3376.

**Nellis Boys
& Girls Club
652-9307**

Cooking classes

Ages 11 through 18 can be creative in the kitchen. Hands-on cooking is at 2 p.m. and cake decorating at 4 p.m. on Saturdays at the Boys & Girls Club. Cost for each class is \$10 per month.

Drawing contest

Ages 9 through 18 can participate in the African American Drawing Contest through Sunday. Winners receive free movie passes to Boulder Station Movie Theater. Call Ms. Sherry Franklin for more information.

Fashion show

Come to the Community Center "Dock" Friday at 6 p.m. for a free fashion show. Casual, sport and after-five apparel from the AAFES Base Exchange will be shown. Refreshments will be served.

Parents' day out

The Nellis Boys & Girls Club is giving parents a break. Children age 6 through 12 with a referral can stay at the Boys & Girls Club for Parents' Day Out Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information or to reserve a spot, call the Boys & Girls Club at 652-9307.

Guitar lessons

Youth ages 5 years to adult can take private guitar lessons at the Boys & Girls Club Tuesdays and Thursdays between 4 and 8 p.m. Price is \$40 per month for half-hour lessons and \$60 per month for forty-five-minute lessons. Call 652-9307 for more information.

Dance classes

Ages 3 years to adult can take weekly classes of ballet, tap, jazz, modern and Irish dance or a combination class of two or more subjects at the Boys & Girls Club. Activity cards are required for all youth ages 6 and up. Prices vary according to age and length of class. Call 652-9307 for class schedules.

**Outdoor Recreation
652-8967**

Red Rock day tour

Depart Outdoor Recreation at 10 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Saturday. Sightsee at Red Rock and visit Bonnie Springs Ranch. Cost is \$12 and includes entrance fee to park.

Zion National Park

Enjoy winter at one of Utah's treasures. Depart from Outdoor Recreation at 7 a.m. Feb. 24. Tour will stop for lunch and dinner. Cost is \$20. Call Outdoor Recreation for more information.

**Skills Development
Center
652-2849**

Scrapbooking

Scrapbooking workshops are conducted Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursdays 9 to 11 a.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Class is \$3 and a cost of \$6 to \$13 is

applied depending on material used. Bring six to 10 photos and take home a completed page. Beginners and experienced scrapbookers are welcomed.

**Tickets & Tours
652-6436**

Lift tickets

Don't miss out on the great discounts offered at Tickets & Tours, 4349 Duffer Dr., located in Building 625. Lift tickets go on sale each Wednesday for the entire following week. Military ID holders' weekday lift tickets are \$15 Monday through Thursday and \$19 Friday through Sunday. Anyone else on base can purchase any day ski tickets for \$23. For more information, call ITT at 652-2192.

**Volunteer
Opportunities**

Excellence Award

Do you have an outstanding volunteer who deserves recognition? Submit them for the Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award. The VEA was established to recognize federal civilians, family members, and military and federal retirees who perform outstanding volunteer community service. Military members are not eligible for this award because the military system has specific awards for volunteers. To be eligible, an individual must volunteer either in the local civilian community or the military community. For more information or to get a nomination packet, please contact the Volunteer Resource Program manager at the Family Support Center at 652-3327. Submissions are due March 16.

Reading Week

Lomie Heard and Robert Lake Elementary are looking for volunteers for Nevada Reading Week. People are needed to come to the school to read to the children between Feb. 28 and March 3. For more information, call Ms. Marcy Mickelson (Lomie Heard) at 644-0087 or Mr. John Diggins (Robert Lake) at 614-9439.